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26 June 1973

NOTE FOR: Mr. Proctor

SUBJECT : Peripheral Reconnaissance Review

This is to update your information on the status of the peripheral reconnaissance review requested by Dr. Kissinger.

You will recall that the Director (Mr. Schlesinger) sent a memo to Acting Secretary Clements saying that General Allen, [redacted] and General Graham of the IC Staff would coordinate for him in the review. He said further that CIA would develop the assessment of value to "national intelligence" and that he would seek the views of USIB on the CIA assessment and on the usefulness of all information collected relative to USIB objectives and priorities.

Per your instructions, I have offered my services to General Graham but to date he does not appear to be actively involved in the review.

On Friday 22 June, however, [redacted] brought [redacted] of DIA to see me. [redacted] explained that DoD is tackling the review job through six task teams:

- Team I - Requirements and Priorities - [redacted] DIA
- Team IA - Assessment of Collection Rate and Intelligence Value of Product [redacted] DIA

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- Team IB - Evaluation of Options (satellite and un-manned platforms vs. manned) - [redacted] DIA
- Team II - Risk Assessment - [redacted]
- Team III - Southeast Asia - [redacted] J3/JCS
- Team IV - Underwater - [redacted]

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Overseeing the work of these task teams is a Steering Committee consisting of:

- General Davidson - OASD (I)
- [redacted] - DIA
- General Haupt - JCS Staff

[redacted] commented that the IC Staff had hoped to be included in the Steering Committee but the hope was not realized.

[redacted] and I exchanged notes on the format and data being used to develop our respective spread sheets. We are remarkably in synch on our approaches to identifying the programs, areas of operations, operational targets, numbers of missions etc. At [redacted] request, I agreed to add in one more column - the substantive "Driving Requirement" for those programs which are judged to be of value to CIA intelligence needs.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] assessment team was having trouble in getting team agreement on how to do it. I gave [redacted] our definitions for the Use - Contribution - Value ratings on the spread sheets along with the preliminary results of our working group. I explained that [redacted] who chairs the CIA working group, is developing narrative back-ups of its numerical value judgements reflected on the spread sheets.

I pointed out that we should take steps to adjudicate differences between DOD and CIA on "national intelligence" values well before

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the value judgements go to USIB for review and, further, we should have an opportunity to comment on other aspects of the study which might bear on the Director's 40 Committee responsibilities. To this end, I suggested to []

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[] that:

- As [] DOD team does its value judgements [] should exchange data with [] on a continuing basis and iron out differences as we proceed; we also want a look at a draft of the "options" report by [] other team.

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- [] should remain in touch with [] on what DOD is developing on risk assessment.

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- [] should exchange data with [] on value judgments regarding the Southeast Asia programs.

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- [] should communicate with [] on the underwater judgements.

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[] agreed and said he would relay this to the other team chairmen. [] said he would try to arrange for USIB to schedule consideration of the value judgements by 12 July in light of the short Kissinger deadline.

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Later in the day, [] called [] to say that [] had shown him our materials and that DOD would like to adopt our Use - Contribution - Value system and definitions as its methodology for doing its value judgements. We said OK. In the meantime the CIA working group is developing the narrative assessments.

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